

Bricks.—In active movement, with very firm tone. Price at some yards \$9 to \$9.50, at others, \$9.50 to \$10 for common. Don Valley pressed brick are in request. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 delivered and \$17 at works per 1,000. (518).

Broken Stone.—Lime stone, good hard, for roadways or concrete, f.o.b., Schaw station, C.P.R., 75c. until further notice, per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. Rubble stone, 55c. per ton. Schaw station, and a good deal moving. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa. (518).

Cement.—Car lots, \$1.75 per barrel, without bags. In 1,000 barrel lots \$1.60. In smaller parcels \$1.90 is asked by city dealers. Bags, 40c. extra. Demand good; in another week or two the movement by water will be active. (61, 518).

Coal.—The price of anthracite has dropped for the spring season, and opens at \$6.75; pea, \$5.75. From these prices a cash discount of 25c. per ton is given on any quantities purchased. In the United States there is an open market for bituminous coal and a great number of qualities exist. We quote: Youghiogeny lump coal on cars here, \$3.75 to \$3.80; mine run, \$3.65 to \$3.70; slack, \$2.75 to \$2.85; lump coal from other districts, \$3.55 to \$3.70; mine run 10c. less; slack, \$2.60 to \$2.70; canal coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; cook, Solvey foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at \$7.50 to \$6.00; Reynoldsville, \$4.90 to \$5.10; Connellsville, 72-hour work, \$5.25. Soft coal and slack are slowly growing more plentiful, and now that labor troubles have been settled a more healthy tone has been established in the market.

Copper Ingot.—We do not change quotation from 13 3/4 to 14c. A great deal is selling in the States, but stocks are heavy and production still great.

Defonator Caps.—75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; broken quantities, \$1. (212).

Dynamite, per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity. (212).

Felt Roofing.—The spring trade has opened very well at an unchanged price, which is \$1.80 per 100 lbs. (518).

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Fire clay, \$8 to \$12 per ton. (518).

Fuses.—Electric Blasting.—Double strength 4 feet, \$4.50; 6 feet, \$5; 8 feet, \$5.50; 10 feet, \$6. Single strength, 4 feet, \$3.50; 6 feet, \$4; 8 feet, \$4.50; 10 feet, \$5, per 100. Bennett's double tape fuse, \$6 per 1,000 feet. (212, 217, 377).

Iron Chain.—3/4-inch, \$5.75; 5/16-inch, \$5.15; 1/2-inch, \$4.15; 7/16-inch, \$3.95; 1/2-inch, \$3.75; 9/16-inch, \$3.70; 5/8-inch, \$3.55; 3/4-inch, \$3.45; 7/8-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs. (217, 377).

Iron Pipe.—A steady request at former prices:—Black, 3/4-inch, \$2.03; 5/8-inch, \$2.25; 1/2-inch, \$2.63; 3/4-inch, \$3.28; 1-inch, \$4.70; 1 1/4-inch, \$6.41; 1 1/2-inch, \$7.70; 2-inch, \$10.26; 2 1/2-inch, \$16.39; 3-inch, \$21.52; 3 1/2-inch, \$27.08; 4-inch, \$30.78; 4 1/2-inch, \$35.75; 5-inch, \$39.85; 6-inch, \$51.70. Galvanized, 3/4-inch, \$2.86; 5/8-inch, \$3.08; 1/2-inch, \$3.48; 3/4-inch, \$4.43; 1-inch, \$6.35; 1 1/4-inch, \$8.66; 1 1/2-inch, \$10.40; 2-inch, \$13.86, per 100 feet. (185).

Pig Iron.—We quote Clarence at \$20.50, for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50; Summerlee, \$22; Hamilton quotes a little irregular, between \$19 and \$20. Though much is beginning to move, it is on winter contracts. (332, 372).

Lead.—Small movement at \$3.75 to \$3.85.

Lime.—Retail price in city 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b., car; in large lots at kilns outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car without freight. Demand is moderate. (518).

Lumber.—Dimension stuff is in brisk demand, for present or later delivery. Prices are generally firm, especially in pine. We quote dressing pine \$32.00 to \$35.00 per M; common stock boards, \$26 to \$30; cut stocks, \$20; cut sidings, \$17.50; Southern pine dimension timber from \$30 to \$45, according to size and grade; finished Southern pine according to thickness and width, \$30 to \$40. Hemlock in car lots, \$17 to \$17.50; spruce flooring, car lots, \$22 to \$24; shingles, British Columbia, are steady, we quote \$3.10, lath growing scarce and stiffening, No. 1, \$4.40, white pine, 48-inch; No. 2, \$3.75; for 32-inch, \$1.70. (333).

Nails.—Wire, \$2.35 base; cut, \$2.60; spikes, \$2.85 per keg of 100 lbs. (217, 377).

Pitch and Tar.—Pitch, unchanged at 70c. per 100 lbs. Coal tar dull at \$3.50 per barrel. (518).

Plaster of Paris.—Calcined, New Brunswick, hammer brand, car lots, \$1.95; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 300 lbs. (518).

Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; in barrel lots, \$2.10. Plasterer's, \$2.15 per barrel of three bushels. (518).

Ready Roofing.—An active demand; prices are as per catalogue. (453).

Roofing Slate.—Most of the slate used in Canada comes now from Pennsylvania or Maine, the Canadian supply being slender and mostly from the Rockland quarries of the Eastern Townships in Quebec. There is a great variety of sizes and qualities, so that it is difficult to indicate prices. But No. 1 Bangor slate 10 x 16 may be quoted at \$7 per square of 100 square feet, f.o.b., cars, Toronto; seconds, 50c. less. Mottled, \$7.25; green, \$7, with a prospect of advance. Dealers are beginning to be busy. (518).

Rope.—Sisal, 9 1/2c. per lb.; pure Manila, 10 1/2c. per lb., Base. (217, 377).

Sand.—Sharp, for cement or brick work, 90c. per ton f.o.b., cars, Toronto siding. (518).

Sewer Pipe.

	4-in.	6-in.	9-in.	10-in.	12-in.	24-in.
Straight pipe per foot	\$0.20	\$0.30	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$3.25
Single junction, 1 or 2 ft. long	.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.65
Double junctions	1.50	2.50	5.00	....	8.50	....
Increases and reducers	....	1.50	2.50	....	4.00	....
P. traps	....	2.00	3.50	7.50	....	15.00
H. H. traps	....	2.50	4.00	8.00	....	15.00

Business moderate; price, 73 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 65 per cent. off list retail. (96, 211, 421).

Steel Beams and Channels.—Active.—We quote:—\$2.75 per 100 lbs., according to size and quantity; if cut, \$3 per 100 lbs.; angles, 1 1/4 by 3-16 and larger, \$2.50; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees. (65, 77, 94, 241, 362, 363, 372, 454, 551).

Steel Rails.—Current price for rails at the Soo, \$32 to \$34 for weights 60 to 100 lbs.

Sheet Steel.—The market has advanced 10c.; American Bessemer, 10-gauge, \$2.60; 12-gauge, \$2.65; 14-gauge, \$2.45; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.55; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.60; 26-gauge, \$2.75; 28-gauge, \$2.95. (65, 77, 94, 241, 362, 363, 372, 454, 551).

Sheets Galvanized.—Apollo Brand.—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide; 10-gauge, \$3.00; 12-14-gauge, \$3.00; 16, 18, 20, \$3.20; 22-24, \$3.35; 26, \$3.50; 28, \$3.95; 29, \$4.25; 30 1/4, \$4.25 per 100 lbs. Fleur de Lis—28-gauge, \$4.10; 26, \$3.80 per 100 lbs. A very large tonnage of all sorts has been booked. An advance of 10c. is declared. (332).

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs. (241, 362).

Tool Steel.—Jowett's special pink label, 10 1/2c. Cammel-Laird, 16c. "H.R.D." high speed tool steel, 65c. (3, 372).

Tin.—Irregular outside, but firmly held locally. At present we continue to quote 3 1/4 to 35c.

Wheelbarrows.—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.60 per dozen; set up, \$22.60. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each. (217, 377).

Zinc Spelter.—The market can no longer be described as lively; a steady but limited movement goes on at \$5.65 to \$5.90 per 100 lbs.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Butter.—Dairy prints, 26 to 28c.; creamery prints, 31 to 32c.; the creamery output is now increasing every week, and prices must come down.

Canned Goods.—Peas, \$1.10 to \$1.50; tomatoes, 38, 85c. to 95c.; pumpkins, 38, 80 to 85c.; corn, 80 to 85c.; peaches, 28, white, \$1.50 to \$1.60; yellow, \$1.90 to \$1.95; strawberries, 28, heavy syrup, \$1.50 to \$1.85; raspberries, 28, \$1.50 to \$1.95. (74).

Cheese.—Moderately firm; large, 13c.; twins, 13 1/4c. (74).

Coffee.—Rio, green, 11 to 12 1/2c.; Mocha, 21 to 23c.; Java, 20 to 31c.; Santos, 11 to 15c. (74).

Dried Fruits.—Raisins, Valencia, 5 1/4 to 6 1/4c.; seeded, 1-lb. packets, fancy, 7 1/2 to 8c.; 16-oz. packets, choice, 7 to 7 1/2c.; 12-oz. packets, choice, 7c.; Sultanas, good, 5 to 6c.; fine, 6 to 7c.; choice, 7 to 8c.; fancy, 8 to 9c.; Filiatras currants, 6 1/2 to 7c.; Vostizas, 8 1/2 to 9c.; uncleaned currants, 1/2c. lower than cleaned. California Dried Fruits.—Evaporated apricots, 15 to 16c. per lb.; prunes, 60s to 70s, 7 1/2 to 8c.; 90s to 100s, 6c.; evaporated apples, 8c. (74).

Eggs.—New laid, coming in freely, are now quoted 20 to 21c. per dozen, case lots. (74).

Flour.—Manitoba Flour.—Quotations at Toronto are:—First patents, \$5.60; second patents, \$5.10; strong bakers', \$4.90; 90 per cents., Glasgow freights, 28s. 6d. Ontario Flour.—Winter wheat patents, for export, \$4.20 to \$4.25, in buyers' sacks outside. (74).

Lard.—Tierces, 16 1/4c.; tubs, 17c.; pails, 17 1/4c.; market steady. (74).

Molasses.—Barbadoes, barrels, 37 to 45c.; West Indian, 27 to 30c.; New Orleans, 30 to 33c. for medium. (74).

Pork.—Market very firm, short cut, \$29 to \$30 per barrel; mess, \$27 to \$28. (74).

Rice.—B. grade, 3 1/2c. per lb.; Patna, 5 to 5 1/2c.; Japan, 5 to 6c. (74).

Salmon.—Fraser River, talls, \$2; flats, \$2; River Inlet, \$1.55 to \$1.75. (74).

Smoked and Dry Salt Meats.—Long clear bacon, 15 to 15 1/2c. per lb., tons and cases; hams, large, 17 to 17 1/2c.; small, 17 1/2 to 18c.; rolls, 15 to 15 1/2c.; breakfast bacon, 19 to 20c.; backs (plain), 20 to 21c., backs (peameal), 21 to 22c.; shoulder hams, 13 1/2c.; green meats out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked. A steady but small trade doing, people buying mostly from hand to mouth. (74).

Spices.—Allspice, 18 to 19c.; nutmegs, 30 to 75c.; cream tartar, 22 to 25c.; compound, 15 to 20c.; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 14 to 17c.; pepper, white, 20 to 30c. (74).

Sugar.—Granulated, \$5.20 per 100 lbs., in barrels; Acadia, \$5.10; yellow, \$4.80; bags, 5c. lower. (74).

Syrup.—Corn syrup, special bright, 3 1/2c. per lb. (74).

Teas.—Japanas, 30 to 35c. per lb.; Young Hysona, 16 to 35c.; Ceyloas, medium, 16 to 45c. (74).

Vegetables.—Beans, hand-picked, \$2.35; prime, \$2.25; stocks light, market firm; beets, 85c. a bag; carrots, 60 and 65c. a bag; onions, \$1.25 a bag; potatoes, best, 65 and 70c. a bag; turnips, 45c. a bag. (38).

*** * * Winnipeg, May 4th, 1910.

There is no slackening off in the activity which has developed in all lines of business throughout the West; on the contrary each week furnishes additional evidence of an exceptionally busy season. All over Western Canada, the amount of construction and building work in progress surpasses the best of previous years. Contractors have their hands full, and those engaged in the building trade have enough to do to keep pace with the amount of work undertaken. Numbers of jobs which were started three weeks ago are still at the excavation stage through brick shortage, and in others by a scarcity of labor, but new sources of brick supply have been requisitioned, and the railways are busy bringing in supplies to alleviate the shortage.

Wholesalers are experiencing a steady and brisk flow of trade, and dealers in builders' supplies and construction material report that a large volume of business is being done. Generally speaking, wholesale prices do not show any change, but remain firm at last week's figures, and the situation is very satisfactory all round.

Quotations are as follows:—

Anvils.—Per pound, to 12 1/2c.; Buckworth anvils, 80 lbs., and up, 10 1/2c.; anvil and vice combined, each, \$5.50 (111, 132).

Axes.—Chopping axes, per dozen, \$6 to \$9; double bits \$12.10 per dozen.

Barbed Wire.—4 point and 2 point, common, \$3.15 per cwt.; Baker, \$3.20; Waukegan, \$3.30.

Bar Iron.—\$2.50 to \$2.60.

Bars.—Crow, \$4 per 100 pounds. (119).

Beams and Channels.—\$3 to \$3.10 per 100 up to 15-inch. (4, 30, 41, 50, 118, 119, 127, 132, 145, 176.)

Boards.—No. 1 Common Pine, 8 in. to 12 in., \$3 to \$4.5; siding, No. 1 White Pine, 6 in., \$55; cull red or white pine or spruce, \$24.50; No. 1 Clear Cedar, 6 in., 8 to 16 ft., \$60; Nos. 1 and 2 British Columbia spruce, 4 to 6 in., \$55; No. 3, \$45.

Bricks.—\$10, \$11, \$12 per M, three grades.

Building Paper.—4 1/2 to 7c. per pound. No. 1 tarred, 84c. per roll; plain, 60c.; No. 2 tarred, 62 1/2c.; plain, 56c.

Coal and Coke.—Anthracite, egg, stove or chestnut coal, \$9.75 large lots to \$10.50 ton lots, net; Alleghany soft coal; carload lots, basis, Winnipeg, f.o.b., cars, \$6 per ton; canal coal, \$10.50 per ton; Galt coal, \$3 f.o.b., carload lots, \$9 single ton; coke, single ton, \$7 at yard; large lots, special rates. American coke, \$11 to \$11.50 a ton; Crow's Nest, \$10 a ton.

Copper Wire.—Coopered market wire, No. 7, \$4 per 100 lbs.; No. 6, \$4; No. 10, \$4.06; No. 12, \$4.20; No. 14, \$4.40; No. 16, \$4.70.